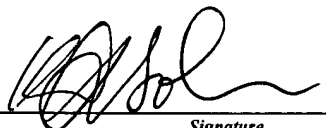
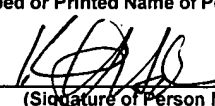


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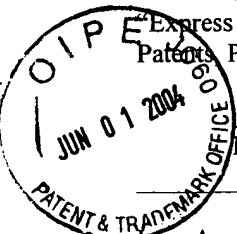
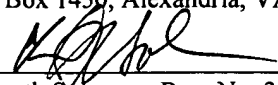
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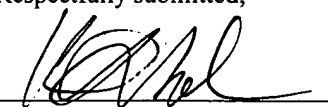
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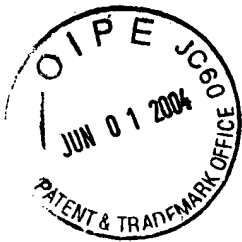
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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

In response to the Office Action of March 29, 2004, having a time set to expire of June 29, 2004, please enter the following amendments and consider the following remarks relating thereto:

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/ Response begin on page 6 of this paper.